GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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UNDERGROUND WATER
ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY;CHANDRA BHUSHAN SINGH;HARIBHAI PARTHIBHAI CHAUDHARY;HARIBHAU MAHALE;SADASHIVRAO DADOBA MANDLIK;SHYAMA SINGH

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received any proposals from State Governments inregard to augmentation of the level of underground water in the State;

(b) if so, the decision taken by the Government thereon;

(c) whether any indepth study has been conducted by the CGWA during the last three years;

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the findings of the study;

(e) whether the Government have earmarked any fund to the State Government to undertake study in those areas which are severely affected by arsenic pollution; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES

(SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) The Union Government had received proposals from some of the States as background material for formulation of a Centrally Sponsored Scheme to assist States in artificial recharge of ground water.

(b) The Scheme is still at consultation stage.

(c) &(d) The Central Ground Water Board have carried out studies on artificial recharge of ground water in some parts ofthe States of Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh , Maharashtra, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu , Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, NCT of Delhi and Union Territory of Chandigarh during last three years.The experiments have shown rise of 0.5 to 10 meters in ground water level in Jalgaon and Amravati Districts of Maharashtra, 5 to 10 meters in Karnataka and 4 meters in Delhi. In Chandigarh 2427 cub. mts. of roof top rain water has been harvested.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) A n amount of Rs.38.78 lakh has been earmarked for artificial recharge studies in arsenic affected areas of Swarupnagar and Gaighata blocks of 24 Pargana Dist. of West Bengal.